attempt to further the cause of education. He further stated that he always treated the Commission with very great respect, and hoped that the decisions of this body would receive due consideration by all the State Governments and the Universities also.

2. Motion of Condolence

The Secretary then performed the sorrowful duty of informing the Commission about the names of those of its members who had breathed their last since the 40th Session of the Commission. It was proposed that the Commission should also mourn the death of Shri K.Kalappan, a well known scholar from Kerala. The members stood up in silence for two minutes, after which the following resolution was adopted:

> Resolution II The President and members of the Commission deeply mourn the death of Dr.P.C. Chakravarty, Prof.N.R.Khadgawat, Prof.P.K.Karunakara Menon, Mr.Wayne C.Grover, Dr.Y.K.Deshpande, Prof. M.Habib, Dr.Tarasankar Banerjee, and Shri Parmanand Acharya and place on record the valuable services rendered by them to the Commission as its members. The Commission also deeply mourn the death of Shri K.Kalappan. Resolved that these condolences and deep sense of sympathy of the Commission with the members of the bereaved families be conveyed to them.

3. Discussion on the Secretary's Report

The house thereafter took up discussion on the report read by the Secretary at the Inaugural Session of the Commission. Prof.Sri Ram Sharma moved that the report be accepted. Professors P.L.Mehra and Fauja Singh suggested that some provision may be made for hostel accommodation for scholars in the annexe building of the National Archives of India. Dr.Prasad explained that the construction underway is the first phase of the Annexe building. He had already

discussed this requirement with the engineers but was told that the proposed wing was hardly sufficient for the stack area etc. Moreover, residential accommodation would not be feasible on the Rajpath side of the annexe. This question could, however, be considered at the time of the second phase of the construction of the Annexe. Prof. Mehra, however, wanted that his suggestion regarding hostel accommodation may be kept in view.

Dr. Amba Prasad wanted to know what action was being taken on the report of the Mujeeb Committee appointed by the Government of India. Dr. Prasad explained that this Committee was set up on the recommendation of the Estimates Committee of the Lok Sabha. The recommendations made by the Mujeeb Committee are receiving the attention of the Government.

Shri S.B. Bhat thereupon stated that National Archives of India should give financial assistance for the purchase of private records. Shri S. Singarajan wanted that the Government of India should allocate more funds for the development of State Archives. He also stated that a sum of Rs.5 lakhs, allocated by the State Government for development of Tamil Nadu State Archives, was not so far released. Shri T.S. Sinha referred to the discussion at the Patna Session of the Commission in 1968 to the effect that the Centre should provide funds for the development of State Archives. The Chairman explained that now the National Development Council makes block grants to the States, and not for particular items. However, the attention of the State Governments could be drawn to the need for providing adequate funds for the State Archives.

It was also suggested that the Secretary's report should be as brief as possible and only touch on the salient features of the Development of Archives in the country. Prof. O.P.Bhatnagar moved a resolution on the Secretary's report, which was approved, but it was felt that since this was a substantial resolution it should follow the adoption of the report. The House thereupon adopted the Secretary's report, after which Prof. Bhatnagar's Resolution was passed.

> Resolution III. The Indian Historical Records Commission places on record its appreciation of the steps taken by the National Archives of India during the last two years for expediting the compilation of reference media to the various series of the records in its custody. But, as the volume of records for which the reference media has to be prepared is very large, the Government of India is urged to sanction adequate staff for this essential aspect of archives administration. Similar programmes may be taken up by State Archives Departments also which face the same problem.

4. Review of action taken on the previous resolutions of the Commission

The report of the Secretary on the subject (vide conspectus at pp.79-122) was taken up for discussion.

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With reference to Resolution II dealing with prevention of migration of archives and other materials of historical and cultural value to foreign countries, the members wanted to know the reasons for the delay in the introduction of the necessary legislation in this behalf.